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RED-HOT HATELEY RAPS OUT



MATCH brings you the big story from England's World Cup camp in Monterrey as Bobby Robson's men prepare for the crunch meeting with main First Round rivals Poland . . .

TOO-hot-to-handle Mark Hateley has sent a chilling warning to the rest of the world.

The powerful striker they call Attila has emerged as England's main Mexico hit-man insisting: "I've never felt sharper.

"For the first time in my international career I'm fully fit and raring to go. I'm ready to frighten the lives out of our opponents.

"In Italy defenders have feared me since I joined AC Milan and that's the sort of reputation I aim to live up to against the best in the world.

"I want to establish myself as England's number one striker and lead us to World Cup glory!"

And, according to one of Mark's main Mexico rivals, Zbigniew Boniek, that's no idle threat from the lean, mean machine.

ATTILA

WORLD CUP NEWSBEAT...

By DAVE SMITH

In fact the Polish international, himself a star in Italy, goes even further, saying: "He can be the star in Mexico.

"Peter Shilton and Bryan Robson are fine players but there are at least ten others in the world who are just as good in their positions.

"Mark is different and I believe, if he can keep clear of injuries, he can return from the World Cup as a hero.

"His size will cause everyone problems. He may not have scored many goals in Italy last season, but every defender found him difficult to handle."

High praise indeed from a player England will certainly find in less charitable mood when they meet Poland next week (June 11).

But the brilliant Boniek does have a word of warning for Bobby Robson's men on the eve

Mark Hateley — can prove himself a world class star in the heat of Mexico.

A WARNING TO THE WORLD



Bryan Robson — not as good as Hateley, says Boniek.

'Mark can be THE star in Mexico'
—Boniek

Zbigniew Boniek — praise for Hateley but a warning for England.

THE HUNGRY

HATELEY WILL

'EAT' DEFENCES

of their vital clash however.

"England will suffer in the heat more than anyone else in the group," he insists. "They like to run but in that heat they are likely to burn themselves out.

"Poland's slower game will be far better suited to Mexico and even against Morocco this week England must be careful. The Moroccans can run all day in the sun."

But that doesn't deter Mark Hateley who epitomises the confidence running through the England ranks when he says: "We fear no one.

"Our preparation has been superb and the run of results we've had over the past ten or eleven games makes us all the more optimistic.

"We are the team in form at the moment and the spirit in the squad is great, especially since the 3-0 win over the hosts, Mexico.

"In fact that result did us a power of good because since then everyone has been talking about us and it seems we're the ones all fear."

Mark's views are endorsed by manager Bobby Robson who points out: "We arrived with by far the best record of any of the finalists and we are now in the position Brazil used to enjoy holding over us and everyone else.

"When you are anxious about the opposition you make life easier for them by not really going at them."



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KEEPERS' DAY OF RECKONING

AT TEN minutes past four the telephone rang for the umpteenth time in the Hodge household.

For the past 24 hours, Sheffield Wednesday stopper Martin (right) had been waiting for the call which would turn a dream into reality.

With England 'keeper Gary Bailey battling against time to hold on to his World Cup place Martin was 'on alert' to fly out to Mexico.

He'd already picked up his international kit from the railway station, his bags were packed and his flight booked.

All he needed was the word from Bobby Robson.

And it came on a hectic Thursday afternoon little more than a week before the world's greatest soccer tournament swung into action.

But instead of receiving the news he'd been hoping and praying for, Martin was left heartbroken by the call which had promised to change his life.

"I remember the time vividly," recalls the despondent Hillsborough hero. "It was ten past four and I'd lost count of the number of times I'd answered the phone.

"This time it was the call that counted. Wednesday coach Peter Eustace had received word from the Football Association minutes earlier.

"All I can recall him saying was 'I've got some bad news, Martin' and that was all I needed to know. He sounded almost as disappointed as I was.

"In actual fact I wasn't just disappointed — I was heartbroken.

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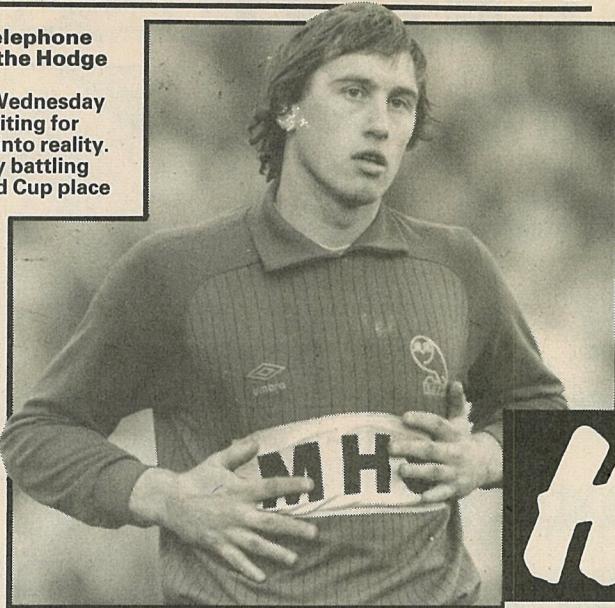
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WORLD CUP NEWSBEAT...

MAY 22, 1986 is a date which will be firmly etched in the minds of two young goalkeepers... for very different reasons. DAVE SMITH reports.

HODGE HEARTBREAK

"Obviously I'd tried not to build my hopes up and I realise that I was lucky just to be on stand-by. But it was still a blow when I heard I wasn't going to Mexico.

"You don't get many chances of being part of a World Cup

squad and, who knows, that might have been my only one."

Martin admits that he was surprised to have been included among the six players asked to stay on 'fitness alert', and confesses: "It had never crossed my mind that I might be

involved, even in that way.

"Although people started talking about me at the end of what had been a good season for myself and the club I had never thought about Mexico.

"So naturally I was delighted, and proud, to be recognised by the England boss and be considered among the top four 'keepers in the country."

Since his inclusion in the 'stand-by squad' Martin has been keeping himself in trim with a lonely training schedule... just in case!

And it seemed the hours he spent pounding the roads and parks of Sheffield hadn't been in vain when he was told to be prepared to join the England squad in Mexico at a minute's notice.

"From that moment on — and for the next 24 hours — it was chaos," he recalls. "I had to get all the papers arranged, my kit picked up from the station and my bags packed straight away.

"The FA had arranged for me to stay in a hotel in London overnight and they'd already booked me a place on a flight for the following day.

"Once everything was sorted out it was simply a case of waiting.

"It was all very exciting — and nerve-racking. I kept switching on my TV to find out the latest news of Gary's injury, but that simply added to the confusion.

"One side said no decision had been made and the other said Gary had come through a fitness test and would be staying with the squad.

"As it turned out that was the case and suddenly all the excitement was over."

All that was left for Martin to do was unpack his suitcases, return his England kit to Lancaster Gate and think of what might have been.



Flashback to April 22 and it's agony for Gary Bailey after breaking down in training.

MY RELIEF, BY BAILEY

GARY BAILEY described the news that he was fit to stay with England in Mexico as 'the best thing to happen to me this year'.

The reserve 'keeper had never given up hope that he would get his World Cup reprise, but he admits: "It was still a relief to be given the all clear."

His place in the squad was threatened when his knee suddenly swelled as a result of his cartilage operation.

He was not able to train until put through a gruelling 45-minute test by goalkeeping coach Mike Kelly... and then he had to sweat it out overnight in the hope there was no adverse reaction.

After all his injury problems of last season — added to the fact that he lost his first team place to Chris Turner — it would have been a cruel blow had the Manchester United star been sent home.

But the news was good, and Gary says: "I always thought positively and not about going home."

"If I had not thought the knee problem would clear up I would have said so right from the start. Now I would say I am 100 per cent fit again."

"After a pretty unfortunate season this is the best thing to happen so far."

"While it's been like taking my school exams all over again at least I have passed!"

BANKS on England

THE great Gordon Banks — arguably the best goalkeeper the world has ever produced — tells the fascinating story of England's World Cup victory in 1966... as only he can.

ANY country hosting the World Cup will use all the tricks in the book in order to give their team maximum advantage — and in 1966 England were no different.

Playing all our games at Wembley was a definite plus. It was our 'home' ground, we knew the pitch, and were used to playing in the stadium — that counted for a lot.

The BBC and ITV did their bit for us, too. They worked wonders with the technology of the time to pipe live pictures to our hotel from the matches all over England.

We certainly watched a few good sides — too good for us to be confident of winning from the outset.

But we always knew we had a good chance. It was a very strong squad and during the three years leading up to the Finals we'd hardly lost a game.

The family atmosphere within the squad was equally vital to our success. They're saying that the lads out in Mexico are like one big family, but I'd be prepared to lay out money that they haven't quite managed to recapture the spirit of '66.

We stayed at the Hendon Hall Hotel — manager Alf Ramsey had chosen it wisely because the place helped create that great atmosphere. It wasn't over grand, but there was privacy which was terribly important.

You couldn't get away from the fans if you ever left the hotel for any reason and I remember people watching us from behind their curtains and queuing up on the pavements to invite us into their homes for a cup of tea or coffee!

No cliques were allowed to develop during the time in the hotel and that was the good thing about Alf — he made sure all the players mixed. The boss got something of a raw deal from the press — he was perhaps understandably wary of them — but with us he was a real gentleman. We all used to enjoy

PITCHED INTO BATTLE

a joke and a laugh with him over a beer in the evenings.

Quite a few nights, Alf would take us out to the pictures. He used to let us take turns to choose the film — and if anyone chose a duff one they didn't half get some stick from the other lads!

But obviously there wasn't too much spare time. In the early stages of the competition we were playing almost every other day, and the first of those games was against Uruguay.

It turned out to be a competitive match. Alf had warned me to watch for their striker, Rocha, who had a reputation as a very good hitter of the ball — something of a Peter Lorimer who used to adopt a shoot on sight policy.

Sure enough after 20 minutes

he almost caught me out. He hit one first time from about 40 yards and I really had to stretch across the goal and half collided with the post keeping it out! But fortunately I kept a clean sheet and we finished goalless.

We'd had a mixed reception from the Press before our next game against Mexico, so we were relieved to beat them with goals from Roger Hunt and Bobby Charlton. By this stage Bobby had become such a hero that opposing players were treating him like a modern day Pele!

Roger bagged another couple of goals in our 2-0 win over France, and we were through to the Quarter-Finals. But France were no walk-overs. I hadn't been over-worked against Mexico but the French kept me reasonably busy. Not that I was complaining — my main contribution was getting to crosses and cancelling out the aerial danger.

Sadly it was to be Jimmy Greaves' last match in the Finals, but as we celebrated that night no one realised the extent of his injury.

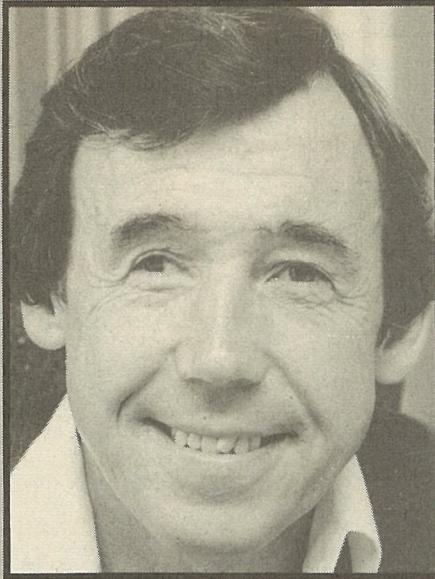
• AS TOLD TO LOUISE TAYLOR.

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England's tough clash with Argentina.

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BOBBY FEARED

Bobby Charlton — opposing players were treating him like Pele.



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Action from 1966 against France as Jimmy Greaves plays his last game of the Finals.



Roger Hunt — three goals in England's opening three games.

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DIVISION ONE

	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Liverpool	89	+21
2 Everton	87	-1
3 West Ham	74	+23
4 Tottenham	74	-4
5 Man. Utd	70	-7
6 Nott'm For.	69	+13
7 Watford	69	-12
8 Newcastle	67	+12
9 Sheff. Wed.	63	+5
10 Oxford	62	-22
11 Luton	61	+4
12 Chelsea	57	-6
13 Leicester	54	-11
14 QPR	53	—
15 Aston Villa	51	-9
15 Southampton	51	-5
17 Arsenal	49	-12
18 Coventry	48	+1
19 Man. City	43	-23
20 Birmingham	40	-19
21 West Brom	35	-23
22 Ipswich	32	-14

TOTAL: 1,298 (up by ten on previous season).

DIVISION TWO

	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Norwich	84	+38
2 Charlton	78	+27
3 Portsmouth	69	—
4 Hull	65	-13
5 Sheff. Utd.	64	+10
5 Millwall	64	-9
6 Brighton	64	+10
8 Oldham	62	+13
9 Wimbleton	58	-13
10 C. Palace	57	+11
11 Leeds	56	-10
12 Shrewsbury	52	-14
13 Huddersfield	51	-1
13 Bradford	51	-26
15 Blackburn	50	-16
16 Stoke	48	+24
16 Grimsby	48	-24
18 Sunderland	47	+7
18 Carlisle	47	-3
18 Barnsley	47	+5
21 Fulham	45	-23
22 Middlesbro'	44	+3

TOTAL: 1,251 (down by four on previous season).

DIVISION THREE

	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Walsall	90	+32
2 Plymouth	88	+26
3 Wigan	82	+22
4 Gillingham	81	+1
5 Derby	80	+15
6 York	77	+7
7 Notts Co.	71	+26
8 Bristol C.	69	-5
9 Reading	67	-1
10 Blackpool	66	-7
11 Bournemouth	65	+8
12 Bury	63	-13
13 Darlington	61	-5
13 Rotherham	61	+6
13 Chesterfield	61	-3
16 Brentford	58	-4
17 Wolves	57	+20
18 Lincoln	55	+5
19 Bolton	54	-15
20 Cardiff	53	+6
21 Newport	52	-3
22 Bristol R.	51	-15
23 Doncaster	45	-27
24 Swansea	44	-9

TOTAL: 1,551 (up 73 on previous season).

DIVISION FOUR

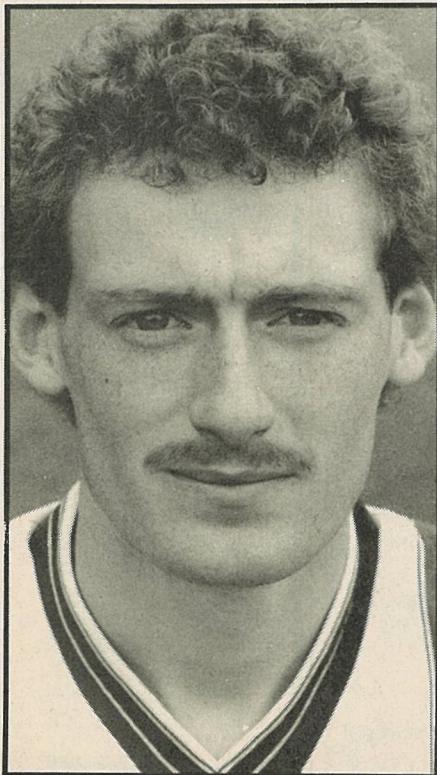
	Goals	Up or down on last season
1 Colchester	88	+1
2 Chester	83	+23
3 Swindon	82	+20
4 Orient	79	+28
5 Mansfield	74	+33
5 Northampton	74	+21
5 Hereford	74	+9
5 Tranmere	74	-9
9 Hartlepool	68	+14
9 Wrexham	68	+1
11 Port Vale	67	+6
12 Aldershot	66	+10
13 Cambridge	65	+28
14 Stockport	63	+5
15 Halifax	60	+18
17 Rochdale	57	+2
18 Southend	54	-4
18 Crewe	54	-11
18 Preston	54	+3
21 Peterborough	52	-2
22 Scunthorpe	50	-33
23 Exeter	47	-10
24 Torquay	43	+5

TOTAL: 1,556 (up 53 on previous season).

TOP TWENTY

THE table below shows the top twenty goalscoring teams in the League.

Club	Position	Goals
1 Walsall	6th (Div. Three)	90
2 Liverpool	1st (Div. One)	89
3 Plymouth	2nd (Div. Three)	88
3 Colchester	6th (Div. Four)	88
5 Everton	2nd (Div. One)	87
6 Norwich	1st (Div. Two)	84
7 Chester	2nd (Div. Four)	83
8 Wigan	4th (Div. Three)	82
8 Swindon	1st (Div. Four)	82
10 Gillingham	5th (Div. Three)	81
11 Derby	3rd (Div. Three)	80
12 Orient	5th (Div. Four)	79
13 Charlton	2nd (Div. Two)	78
14 York	7th (Div. Three)	77
15 West Ham	3rd (Div. One)	74
15 Tottenham	10th (Div. One)	74
15 Mansfield	3rd (Div. Four)	74
15 Northampton	8th (Div. Four)	74
15 Hereford	9th (Div. Four)	74
15 Tranmere	19th (Div. Four)	74



Nicky Cross — leading scorer with shooting stars Walsall.

GOALS! GOALS! GOALS! An EXCLUSIVE guide to how many were scored in the Canon League last season ... and who scored them.

GOALS

... and Walsall
crash home
the most

LITTLE WALSH led the charge as football welcomed a goals boom.

The total scored was more than 130 up on the 1984-85 campaign with no less than 11 clubs hitting 80 and over.

The First Division total was up by ten with Merseyside giants Liverpool and Everton showing the rest the way to goal.

And almost inevitably it was Ian Rush with 23 for the 'Reds' and Gary Lineker who scored 30 for the 'Toffees' who took starring roles.

While the Second Division total was down by four on the previous campaign — the only division to suffer a loss — Champions Norwich and 22-goal Kevin Drinkell in particular more than did their bit by cracking home 84 goals.

Meanwhile the Third Division figures make marvellous reading — the total up by more than 70 on the 1984-85 season!

Walsall — the League's leading scorers with 90 — topped the charts with ex-West Brom star Nicky Cross grabbing 21 and Steve Elliott notching 16.

And Plymouth, Wigan, Gillingham and



Derby all broke the 80-barrier.

It was the same story in Division Four where the fans were treated to a 53-goal boost.

Colchester proved the hottest shots with a total of 88 — the joint third highest total in the League — of which leading scorer Tony Adcock bagged 15.

Overall, exactly half of the 92 League teams managed to increase their goals total on the previous season.

THAT SCORES EVERY TIME

Gary Lineker
— 30 League
goals to boost
Everton's
tally and
make him one
of Europe's
most wanted
strikers.



Above, left: Ray Houghton scores for Oxford in the Milk Cup Final victory over Q.P.R.

Above: Kevin Drinkell (left) and David Williams celebrate another Norwich goal.

It was Norwich who enjoyed the biggest increase of 38 as they surged back to Division One at the first attempt.

In Division One it was surprise Championship contenders West Ham who outshone their rivals with an increase of 23 and other notable achievements came from Mansfield (plus 33), Walsall (plus 32), Orient (plus 28), and Cambridge (plus 28).

MATCH says cheers to a 'goalden' season ... and here's to many more!

Manor men make it a bonanza

OXFORD are the team to follow if it's goals you crave!

Games involving the Manor Ground side were the most entertaining in the country last season in terms of goals scored.

An average of 3.41 goals hit the net each time Oxford took to the field.

But unfortunately for the Milk Cup holders most of them flew into their own net and they only just escaped relegation to Division Two.

At the other end of the scale, Ipswich's followers were goal starved.

Games involving the Portman Road side produced on average only 2.08 goals and to make matters worse Ipswich were relegated ... ironically by virtue of our top entertainers Oxford winning 3-0 in their final match of the season!

Meanwhile Arsenal did little to lose their 'boring' tag by finishing joint fifth in our 'Bottom Ten' (see table below).

TOP TEN

1	Oxford (Div. One)	3.41
2	Walsall (Div. Three)	3.35
3	Newcastle (Div. One)	3.31
4	Colchester (Div. Four)	3.29
5	Gillingham (Div. Three)	3.22
5	Wrexham (Div. Four)	3.22
7	Hereford (Div. Four)	3.20
7	Tranmere (Div. Four)	3.20
9	Cambridge (Div. Four)	3.16
10	Watford (Div. One)	3.12

BOTTOM TEN

1	Ipswich (Div. One)	2.08
2	Doncaster (Div. Three)	2.11
3	Port Vale (Div. Four)	2.26
4	Wimbledon (Div. Two)	2.27
5	Arsenal (Div. One)	2.29
5	Scunthorpe (Div. Four)	2.29
7	Middlesbrough (Div. Two)	2.31
7	Barnsley (Div. Two)	2.31
7	Exeter (Div. Four)	2.31
10	Man. City (Div. One)	2.38

TOP AND BOTTOM

A GUIDE to the best and worst scoring records at home and away...

HOME GOALS

TOP TEN

Team	
1	Walsall (Div. Three)
2	Liverpool (Div. One)
3	Plymouth (Div. Three)
4	Hereford (Div. Four)
5	Everton (Div. One)
5	Wigan (Div. Three)
7	Swindon (Div. Four)
8	Norwich (Div. Two)
8	Colchester (Div. Four)
10	York (Div. Three)

BOTTOM TEN

Team	
1	Birmingham (Div. One)
2	Ipswich (Div. One)
2	Doncaster (Div. Three)
4	West Brom (Div. One)
5	Man. City (Div. One)
6	Middlesbrough (Div. Two)
6	Exeter (Div. Four)
8	Aston Villa (Div. One)
8	Brentford (Div. Three)
8	Bristol R. (Div. Three)
8	Swansea (Div. Three)

AWAY GOALS

TOP TEN

Team	Goals
1	Orient (Div. Four)
2	Chester (Div. Four)
3	Colchester (Div. Four)
4	Man. Utd (Div. One)
5	Derby (Div. Three)
5	Northampton (Div. Four)
7	Charlton (Div. Two)
7	Wrexham (Div. Four)
9	Everton (Div. One)
9	Gillingham (Div. Three)

BOTTOM TEN

Team	Goals
1	Ipswich (Div. One)
2	West Brom (Div. One)
2	Sunderland (Div. Two)
2	Torquay (Div. Four)
5	Bradford (Div. Two)
6	Fulham (Div. Two)
6	Swansea (Div. Three)
6	Rochdale (Div. Four)
9	Birmingham (Div. One)
9	Coventry (Div. One)
9	Carlisle (Div. Two)
9	Newport (Div. Three)
9	Bury (Div. Three)
9	Rotherham (Div. Three)
9	Scunthorpe (Div. Four)

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FIT FOR THE FRIGHT

Gerry Armstrong — in confident mood over N. Ireland's World Cup prospects.



ON THE eve of Saturday's grudge match against Spain, Northern Ireland international Gerry Armstrong is brimming with confidence, declaring: "We are going to frighten the pants off some teams!"

FRANZ FRENZY OVER HARALD

WEST GERMAN manager Franz Beckenbauer has 'treble trouble' as he prepares for Sunday's clash with Scotland.

Already concerned over the fitness of star striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and his squad's preparation — Beckenbauer now has another headache.

An extraordinary training incident involving controversial 'keeper Harald Schumacher and

team-mate Mathias Herget left the striker nursing a sprained knee.

Schumacher, best remembered for his 'tackle' on France's Patrick Battiston in Spain four years ago, charged his own colleague in practice.

The incident left a baffled Beckenbauer gasping: "It would have been hard to understand in an important League match."

SCOTLAND'S World Cup hopes were given a welcome boost when group rivals Uruguay were hammered 4-1 in a warm-up by the unfancied Bulgarians.

And the Scots can also take heart from Denmark's 4-2 defeat by Paraguay.

The Scots meet the Danes today (Wednesday) and manager Alex Ferguson insists: "If we beat them we will progress."

**SCOTS'
RIVALS
OFF THE
RAILS!**

■ NORTHERN Ireland need have no worries about security at their Guadalajara hotel. Outside the building the owners keep a lioness which prowls a cage at their mountain retreat.

Marbles winners

LUCKY winners of the Magnetic Marbles competition that appeared in our May 3 issue are ...

Duane Edwards, Welshpool, Powys; Christopher Hutton, Harrow, Middlesex; D. Spevick, Harrow, Middlesex; Alan House, Yeovil, Somerset; Mark Kennett, Bedford; Michael Cook, Cowes, Isle of Wight; Michael Knight, Brentwood, Essex; Michael Deighton, Horsforth, Leeds; Neil Betts, Boscombe, Bournemouth; Paul Hickey, Blackley, Manchester; P. Framrose, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey; Gero Sicilia, Shooters Hill, London; Ian Langley, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire; Robin Benford, Formby, Merseyside; Ian Billinghurst, Hoddesden, Herts; David Burgess, Anstruther, Fife; Graham Pople, Wokingham, Berks; Ian Begg, Billericay, Essex; Paul Williams, Solihull, W. Midlands; Paul Monette, Waterthorpe, Sheffield; Chris Flack, St. Helier, Jersey; Paul Thorpe, Buxton, Derbyshire; Katy Poyer, Wigan; Gregory Hart, Tiptree, Essex; S. Walker, Keynsham, Avon.

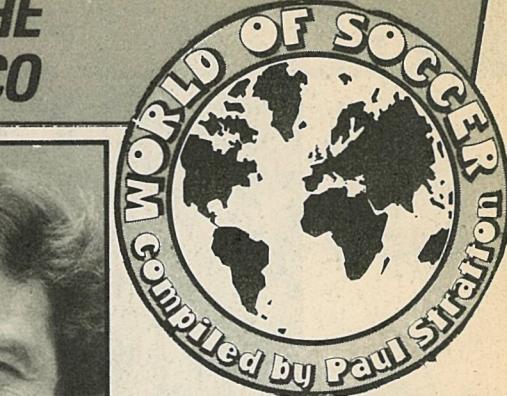
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ITV — 6.40pm Spain v Northern Ireland.
BBC — 10.50pm Poland v Portugal.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
ITV — 2.30pm World Cup round-up.
ITV — 10.45pm Uruguay v Denmark.
BBC — 6.45pm Scotland v West Germany.

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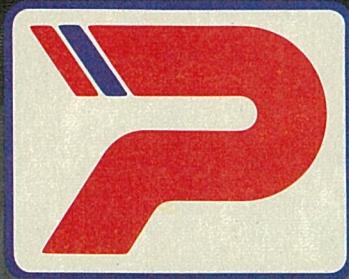
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Canada v USSR (7pm)
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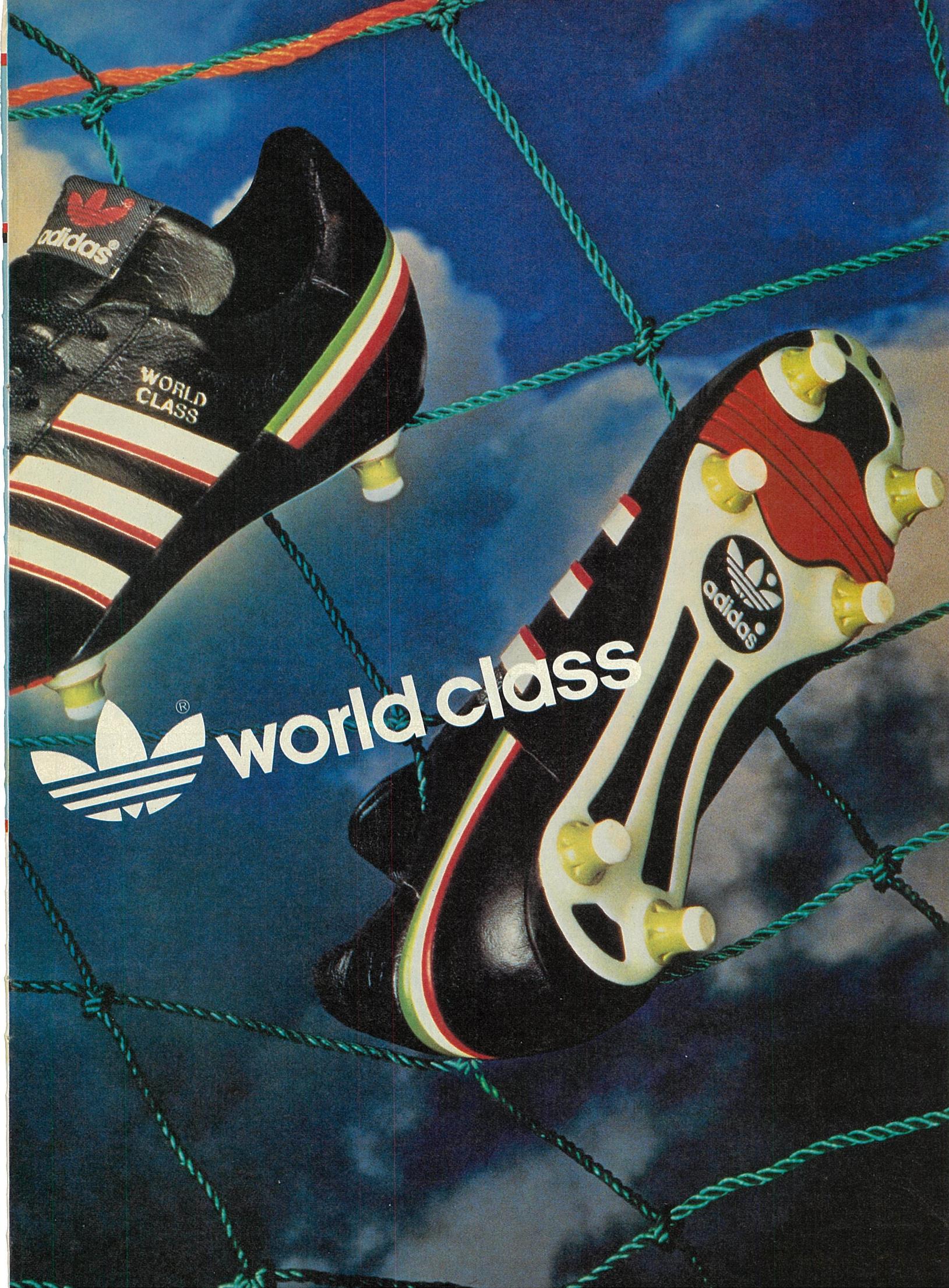
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The women behind the men. England's World Cup sweethearts enjoy a joke with Jumbo jet pilot Peter Van Reeve as they prepare to fly out to Colorado to join up with the boys. They are (from left to right): Jacqui Graham, girlfriend of Spurs' Gary Stevens, Kenny Sansom's wife Elaine, Bryan Robson's wife Denise (wearing the skipper's cap), and Gary Lineker's fiancee Michelle.

WORLD CUP NEWSBEAT...

FIVE FOOTBALL-packed weeks in sunny Mexico — schoolboy fantasy come true for our World Cup boys.

But meanwhile their wives and girlfriends are left stranded, grounded in chilly Blighty.

While the lads are pampered in five-star hotels, their loved ones appear to have drawn the short straw. Nappy changing, the school run and hoovering are all a far cry from signing autographs in the South American sunshine.

And, of course, there's no-one on hand to wash and iron the girls' 'kit'!

But it's unlikely that Mexico will result in any divorces. Fortified by a week with the boys at their Colorado Springs training camp the 'widows' are apparently well resigned to their lot.

In fact Jacqui Graham — the girlfriend of Spurs' Gary Stevens goes as far as to say: "I hope he stays out there for as long as possible!"

"I'm not at all interested in football, but after Gary worked so hard to recover from injury and make the Mexico 22 it would be a shame if he was back in Hertfordshire after two weeks!"

"At least we all had the bonus of a gorgeous week's holiday in Colorado at the Football Association's expense. Now I can watch my suntan gradually fade

THE GIRLS they left behind

MATCH magazine's own lady of football brings you a fascinating insight into the lives of the World Cup 'widows' ...

By Louise Taylor

away in between watching some of the World Cup games on TV!"

Sarah Woods is no football fan either. "I hadn't a clue about football when I met Chris, and I don't know that much now. When you consider that players spend quite a bit of their domestic season away from home it is a bit miserable to be left alone for such a large chunk of the close season. But the Colorado trip has made things bearable.

"It made all the difference to meet all the other wives and players. Everyone was so friendly, we were just like one big family by the end. At least

now I'll quite enjoy watching the televised games in order to get glimpses of players I know.

"The kids help make things more exciting too; at five years old my son Mark gets terribly excited when he sees Chris on TV.

"But I'm hoping to be watching Peter Shilton, rather than Chris. Peter is definitely England's number one 'keeper'!"

Married life is just around the corner for Gary Lineker's fiancee, Michelle — but she's got no objections to the fact that Mexico has postponed her wedding day.

"I'm very busy making preparations at the moment, but I've no complaints about Gary being in Mexico, it's what we've both been hoping for all year. My only regret is that I can't be out in Mexico to watch it, but I expect to sit through some of the televised games with Trevor Steven's wife, Karen — she's expecting a baby in November — and Paul and Carole Bracewell."

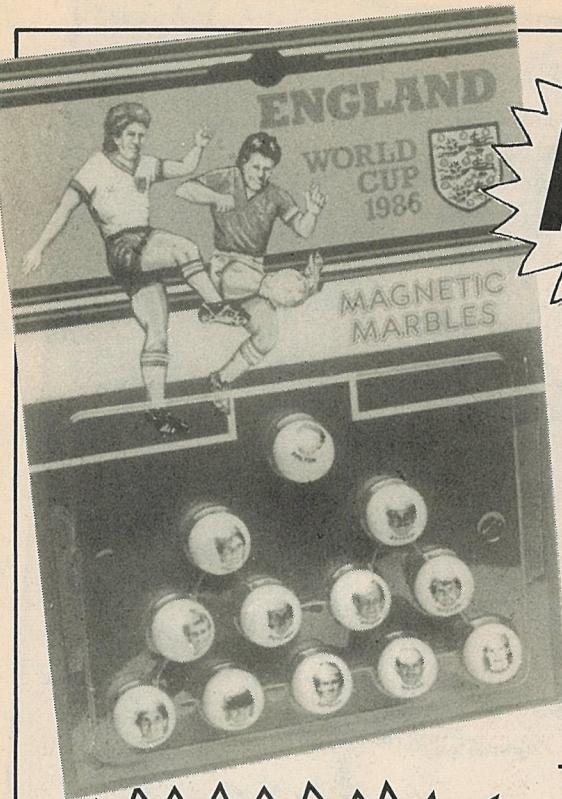
Up in Hexham, rural Northumberland, Sandra Beardsley doesn't have much chance to socialise with other wives, but her TV will be tuned into the World Cup over the next month. "I love watching Peter play and I hope he's out there the full five weeks!" says Sandra.

Few of the women appear unduly concerned at the risk to life and limb faced by their husbands up against some of the world's toughest national sides.

Elaine Sansom speaks for the majority: "Your husband faces injury every week in the League, so if you thought about it you'd be a nervous wreck."

Not to be outdone in the sunshine stakes Anne Hoddle and Jackie Wilkins plan to match their husbands' tans. Anne has flown off for a Spanish holiday, and Jackie says: "Rather than go back to cold weather in England, I'm staying out in Italy and entertaining a few friends and relatives."

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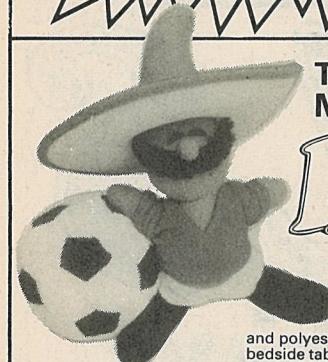
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BRADY FOR NEWCASTLE?

LIAM BRADY looks almost certain to be playing in the English First Division next season... and Newcastle are the surprise favourites for his signature.

Arsenal, Tottenham, Chelsea, Sheffield Wednesday and Glasgow Rangers have all shown interest in the Eire international (right) whose contract with Inter Milan expires at the end of this month.

Says Liam: "I have always wanted to finish my career in England so long as I got the right offer. It's now or never."

■ NORWICH City have signed Ian Crook from Spurs for £80,000 with manager Ken Brown predicting that the 23-year-old midfielder can prove Tottenham wrong to let him go.

■ PAUL COOPER will be part of Ipswich Town's battle to regain their First Division status. The 33-year-old has agreed to sign a new one-year contract.



Terry Cochrane — double swipe.

TOWEL WINNERS

THE 100 lucky winners of the Bex Sports Towel competition that appeared in our May 10 issue are...

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United's title, says Hughes

MARK HUGHES jetted out to begin his new career in Spain, predicting his old club Manchester United can win the Championship next season.

Says Mark, who will be hoping for great things himself in Terry Venables' Barcelona team: "I wish United all the best. They are a great club with fantastic supporters and I see no reason why they can't win the title next time."

BINGHAM BLASTED

NORTHERN IRELAND'S forgotten man, Terry Cochrane, has taken a double swipe at national boss Billy Bingham. Still shattered by his exclusion from the Irish World Cup squad, the Gillingham winger says: "He never even came to see me play."

"That was the thing that annoyed me most because players should be judged on what they do for their clubs and I was doing well — albeit in the Third Division."

"I was desperate to play for my country in Mexico even though I don't think we've got much chance of getting past the First Round."

Instead the former Middlesbrough player will be watching the Finals from his own living room while he contemplates his future at club level.

Pleat plea for pride

PRIDE is the name of the game for new Spurs boss David Pleat.

As he looks forward to putting Tottenham back on top of the League, the former Luton manager says in the latest edition of 'Spurs News'.

"There are some very good players at this club and it is up to them to play with pride as I am sure they will do."

"I put pride high on the list of qualities that I want to see because I believe they are fortunate to play for a club like this."

Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Pinderjit Rai, Handsworth, Birmingham; Ian Bond, West Wickham, Kent; P. Brindley, Cannock, Staffs; Adam Turner, Brierley Hill, W. Midlands; Richard Havard, Swaffham, Norfolk.

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In the days of cigarette cards, Serena would qualify for the description "much-travelled striker". He won't be 26 until the last week of the World Cup finals, but he has already played for seven different clubs, including Torino, AC Milan, Inter, where he has had three separate spells, and now Juventus.

Indeed, Michel Platini and company are still counting the cost of Serena's absence from the second leg of their European Cup Quarter-Final against Barcelona in March. Having established himself as one of the League's leading scorers, he missed the return in Turin through injury and went through the agony of seeing his deputy, the inexperienced Marco Pacione, miss three glaring chances.

So Serena missed the opportunity to play in the European Cup Final, but he may well respond to Enzo Bearzot's call to the Italian firing department in Mexico — Especially as Paulo Rossi, their 1982 hero, has been sadly out of form.

Bearzot still has the foundation of his World Cup Championship team with the likes of Conti, Cabrini, Scirea, Bergomi and possibly Tardelli. But Italy have been short of goals, with Altobelli the only reliable marksman during an unimpressive spell of friendlies.

Then Serena was selected to play against West Germany — and responded with a goal poached out of nothing. World Cups have a habit of producing heroes at the eleventh hour — Geoff Hurst for example — so it may not take long for the rest of the world to recognise Aldo Serena.



Fulham

Manager: Ray Harford.
Division: Two.
Position: 22nd.
Points: 36.
Goals for: 45.
Against: 69.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Bradford.
Biggest defeat: 5-0 v Hull.
Top scorers (League): Dean Coney 12, Gary Barnett 6.
FA Cup: None.
Milk Cup: Barnett 2.
Penalty king: Barnett and Cliff Carr 2.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 4,610.
Up or down: -1,568.
Most League appearances: John Marshall; Brian Cottingham 42.



Gillingham

Manager: Keith Peacock.
Division: Three.
Position: 5th.
Points: 79.
Goals for: 81.
Against: 54.
Biggest win: 6-0 v Bognor (FA Cup).
Biggest defeat: 4-1 v Walsall and 3-0 v Plymouth.
Top scorers (League): Tony Cascarino 14, Martin Robinson 10.
FA Cup: Robinson 3.
Milk Cup: Cascarino 3.
Penalty king: Dave Mehmet 4.
Hat-tricks: David Shearer 1.
Average home gate: 3,694.
Up or down: -1,032.
Most League appearances: Ron Hillyard; Mel Sage; Karl Elsey 46.



Grimsby

Manager: Dave Booth/Mike Lyons.
Division: Two.
Position: 15th.
Points: 52.
Goals for: 48.
Against: 62.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Millwall.
Biggest defeat: 4-1 v Oldham and 3-0 v Wimbledon.
Top scorers (League): Gordon Hobson 15 and Gary Lund 8.
FA Cup: Lund, Lyons and Andy Peake, 1 each.
Milk Cup: Hobson and Jimmy Gilligan, 2 each.
Penalty king: Phil Bonnyman, Gary Henshaw and Peake, 1 each.
Hat-tricks: Hobson 1.
Average home gate: 5,148.
Up or down: -1,492.
Most League appearances: Hobson 40.
Sheff. Utd and Barnsley.



Halifax

Manager: Mick Jones.
Division: Four.
Position: 20th.
Points: 54.
Goals for: 60.
Against: 71.
Biggest win: 5-2 v Wrexham and 3-0 v Tranmere.
Biggest defeat: 4-0 v Northampton and Cambridge.
Top scorers (League): Billy Kellock 18 and David Longhurst 13.
FA Cup: Paul Kendall 1.
Milk Cup: Adrian Shaw 1.
Penalty king: Kellock 5.
Hat-tricks: Kellock 1.
Average home gate: 1,410.
Up or down: +23.
Most League appearances: Paddy Roche 46.

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Manager: Billy Horner.
Division: Four.
Position: 7th.
Points: 70.
Goals for: 68.
Against: 67.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Crewe and Colchester and 3-0 v Halifax.
Biggest defeat: 4-0 v Port Vale and Mansfield.
Top scorers (League): Alan Shoulder 17 and Brian Honour 8.
FA Cup: Shoulder 2.
Milk Cup: David Linighan and Roy Hogan, 1 each.
Penalty king: Hogan 6.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 2,790.
Up or down: +450.
Most League appearances: Eddie Blackburn; Tony Smith; Brian Honour 46.



Hereford

Manager: John Newman.
Division: Four.
Position: 9th.
Points: 64.
Goals for: 74.
Against: 73.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Bristol City (Milk Cup).
Biggest defeat: 4-0 v Mansfield and Cambridge.
Top scorers (League): Ollie Kearns 13, Mike Carter and Jimmy Harvey, 9 each.
FA Cup: Carter 3.
Milk Cup: Stuart Phillips 2.
Penalty king: Harvey 4.
Hat-tricks: Carter 1.
Average home gate: 2,756.
Up or down: -1,125.
Most League appearances: Kevin Rose 46.



Huddersfield

Manager: Mick Buxton.
Division: Two.
Position: 16th.
Points: 52.
Goals for: 51.
Against: 67.
Biggest win: 3-1 v Leeds, Sheff. Utd and Barnsley.
Biggest defeat: 4-1 v Portsmouth and Norwich and 3-0 v Shrewsbury, Stoke, Bradford, Middlesbrough and Charlton.
Top scorers (League): Dale Tempest 12 and Cork 8.
FA Cup: Dave Cowling 1.
Milk Cup: Joey Jones, Terry Curran and Tempest, 1 each.
Penalty king: Tempest 1.
Hat-tricks: Duncan Shearer 1.
Average home gate: 6,819.
Up or down: -419.
Most League appearances: Steve Doyle 42.



Hull

Manager: Brian Horton.
Division: Two.
Position: 6th.
Points: 64.
Goals for: 65.
Against: 55.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Fulham.
Biggest defeat: 5-0 v Millwall.
Top scorers (League): Frankie Bunn 14, Stan McEwan and Andy Flounders 10.
FA Cup: Flounders and Gareth Roberts, 2 each.
Milk Cup: Bunn and Billy Whitehurst, 2 each.
Penalty king: McEwan 6.
Hat-tricks: Flounders 1.
Average home gate: 7,709.
Up or down: -301.
Most League appearances: Tony Norman; Bunn 42.



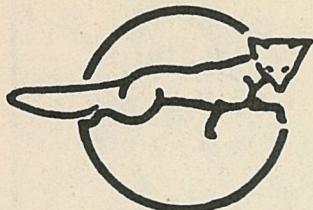
Ipswich

Manager: Bobby Ferguson.
Division: One.
Position: 20th.
Points: 41.
Goals for: 32.
Against: 55.
Biggest win: 6-1 v Swindon (Milk Cup).
Biggest defeat: 5-0 v Liverpool.
Top scorers (League): Kevin Wilson 7 and Mich D'Avray 5.
FA Cup: Mark Brennan 2.
Milk Cup: Wilson 7.
Penalty king: Brennan 1.
Hat-tricks: Wilson 1.
Average home gate: 14,423.
Up or down: -2,627.
Most League appearances: Ian Cranson 42.



Leeds

Manager: Eddie Gray/Billy Bremner.
Division: Two.
Position: 14th.
Points: 53.
Goals for: 56.
Against: 72.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Stoke.
Biggest defeat: 6-2 v Stoke and 4-0 v Charlton and Norwich.
Top scorers (League): Ian Baird 12 and Andy Ritchie 11.
FA Cup: None.
Milk Cup: Ian Snodin 2.
Penalty king: Peter Lorimer 2.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 13,265.
Up or down: -1,397.
Most League appearances: Mervyn Day 40.



Leicester

Manager: Gordon Milne.
Division: One.
Position: 18th.
Points: 42.
Goals for: 54.
Against: 76.
Biggest win: 3-0 v Man. Utd.
Biggest defeat: 5-0 v Oxford.
Top scorers (League): Alan Smith 19 and Steve Lynex 8.
FA Cup: Gary McAllister 1.
Milk Cup: Ian Wilson 1.
Penalty king: Lynex 5.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 11,750.
Up or down: -2,780.
Most League appearances: John O'Neill 41.



Lincoln

Manager: Colin Murphy/John Pickering/Georg Kerr.
Division: Three.
Position: 21st.
Points: 46.
Goals for: 55.
Against: 77.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Swansea and 3-0 v Brentford.
Biggest defeat: 7-0 v Derby.
Top scorers (League): Neil Redfearn and Warren Ward, 8 each and John McGinley 7.
FA Cup: None.
Milk Cup: McGinley and Gary Richards, 1 each.
Penalty king: Redfearn 1.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 2,617.
Up or down: +67.
Most League appearances: Redfearn 45.

CLUB FACT FILE 1985/86



Liverpool

Manager: Kenny Dalglish.
Division: One.
Position: 1st.
Points: 88.
Goals for: 89.
Against: 37.
Biggest win: 6-0 v Oxford.
Biggest defeat: 2-0 v Arsenal and Everton.
Top scorers (League): Ian Rush 23 and Jan Molby 13.
FA Cup: Rush 6.
Milk Cup: Paul Walsh 4.
Penalty king: Molby 9.
Hat-tricks: Rush, Walsh, Ronnie Whelan and Gary Gillespie, 1 each.
Average home gate: 35,320.
Up or down: -534.
Most League appearances: Bruce Grobbelaar 42.



Luton

Manager: David Pleat.
Division: One.
Position: 9th.
Points: 66.
Goals for: 61.
Against: 44.
Biggest win: 7-0 v Southampton.
Biggest defeat: 3-1 v Aston Villa and 2-0 v Everton, Nott'm Forest, Man Utd and Norwich.
Top scorers (League): Mick Harford 22 and Brian Stein 14.
FA Cup: Harford 3.
Milk Cup: Brian Stein, Emeka Nwajiobi, David Preece, Mark North and Ricky Hill, all 1 each.
Penalty king: Harford 2.
Hat-tricks: Harford 2 and Brian Stein 1.
Average home gate: 11,052.
Up or down: + 236.
Most League appearances: Mal Donaghy 42.



Man. City

Manager: Bill McNeill.
Division: One.
Position: 15th.
Points: 45.
Goals for: 43.
Against: 57.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Coventry.
Biggest defeat: 4-0 v Everton.
Top scorers (League): Mark Lillis 11 and Gordon Davies 9.
FA Cup: Davies and Paul Simpson, 2 each.
Milk Cup: Jim Melrose 2.
Penalty king: Lillis 3.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 24,229.
Up or down: + 23.
Most League appearances: Dave Phillips 39.



Man. United

Manager: Ron Atkinson.
Division: One.
Position: 4th.
Points: 76.
Goals for: 70.
Against: 36.
Biggest win: 5-1 v West Brom and 4-0 v Aston Villa and Leicester.
Biggest defeat: 3-0 v Leicester.
Top scorers (League): Mark Hughes 17 and Jesper Olsen 11.
FA Cup: Frank Stapleton and Olsen, 2 each.
Milk Cup: Norman Whiteside 2.
Penalty king: Olsen 5.
Hat-tricks: Olsen 1.
Average home gate: 46,322.
Up or down: + 1,248.
Most League appearances: Frank Stapleton 41.

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Pittodrie skipper Willie had won our 'Matchman of the Year' award three years running and put up a brave fight to hang on to his title.

But his Celtic rival and Scottish international team-mate forced him into second place after an outstanding season for the League Champions.

It was the driving force of the giant defender-turned-midfielder which helped Celtic pip Hearts at the post to snatch their fifth Premier Division title.

An average rating for the season of 7.25 put him

MATCHMAN OF THE YEAR

fractionally ahead of the majestic Miller, who was his usual cool and consistent self throughout another successful campaign for the 'Dons'.

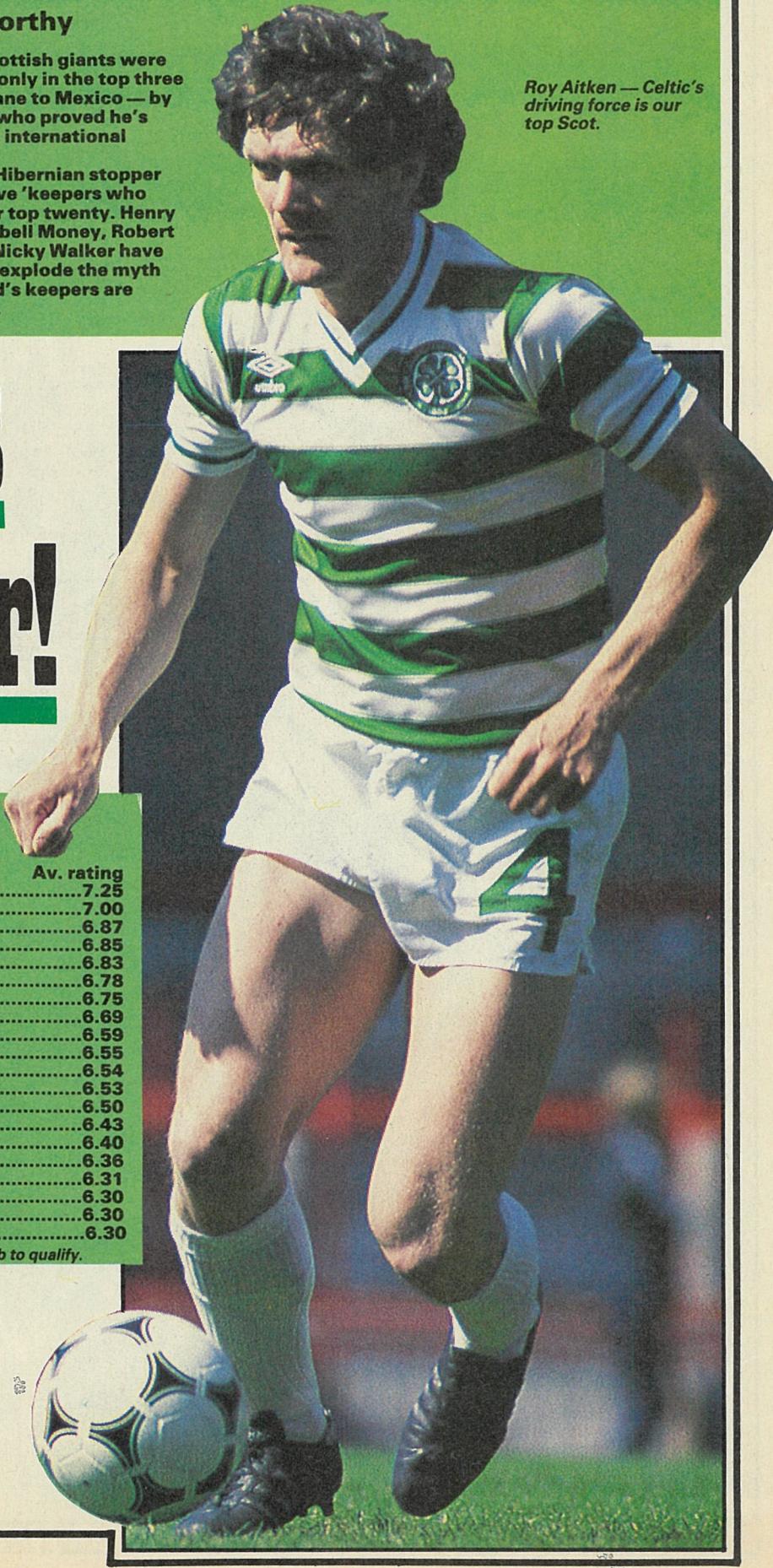
Worthy

The two Scottish giants were joined — not only in the top three but on the plane to Mexico — by Alan Rough, who proved he's worthy of his international recall.

In fact the Hibernian stopper was one of five 'keepers who figured in our top twenty. Henry Smith, Campbell Money, Robert Geddes and Nicky Walker have combined to explode the myth that Scotland's keepers are inconsistent.

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Top Twenty

Player	Av. rating
1 Roy Aitken (Celtic)	7.25
2 Willie Miller (Aberdeen)	7.00
3 Alan Rough (Hibernian)	6.87
4 Craig Levein (Hearts)	6.85
5 David Narey (Dundee United)	6.83
6 Richard Gough (Dundee United)	6.78
7 Neil Berry (Hearts)	6.75
8 Sandy Jardine (Hearts)	6.69
9 Maurice Malpas (Dundee United)	6.59
10 Paul Sturrock (Dundee United)	6.55
11 Hugh Burns (Rangers)	6.54
12 Alex McLeish (Aberdeen)	6.53
13 Henry Smith (Hearts)	6.50
14 Campbell Money (St. Mirren)	6.43
15 Walter Kidd (Hearts)	6.40
16 Graeme Forbes (Motherwell)	6.36
17 Robert Geddes (Dundee)	6.31
18 Paul McStay (Celtic)	6.30
19 Tommy Burns (Celtic)	6.30
20 Nicky Walker (Rangers)	6.30

● Players must have played at least 24 League games for one club to qualify.

MATCH SELECT X1

ROUGH
(Hibernian)

GOUGH (Dundee Utd)	MILLER (Aberdeen)	LEVEIN (Hearts)	MALPAS (Dundee Utd)
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COOPER LOOKS SOUTH

ABERDEEN'S Neale Cooper is hitting Scottish football amidst claims that he is being victimised by fans and referees. "I feel a move to England, or perhaps the Continent, is the only way forward for me," he claims. "I know I am not the most popular player in the eyes of fans

SCOTTISH SCENE
WITH ROBERT WATT

in Glasgow and Edinburgh and I feel the referees are far too easily influenced by the crowds.

"In one incident last season, I went for a ball with Celtic's Tommy Burns and we met shoulder-to-shoulder. The crowd erupted and I was booked," claims Neale.

"And when we received the referee's report a week or so later, I was said to have been booked for persistent fouling — yet I had only gone on to the field as a substitute two minutes before my clash with the Celtic man!"

The 22-year-old defender-cum-midfield player's contract expires at the end of June and, while Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson is sure to try to persuade him to reconsider, determination to make a fresh start elsewhere is likely to lead to the departure of yet another promising Scottish starlet.

'Fergie' may have more luck in retaining the services of Scottish Cup Final goal heroes John Hewitt and Billy Stark.

Right: Neale Cooper.

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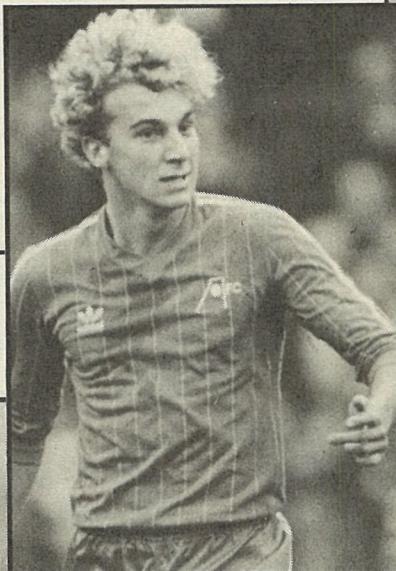
But the onus is clearly on the club to come up with the right terms...

"I want to stay at Aberdeen and I will be only too happy to re-sign if the terms are right," says John.

And his team-mate Billy echoes the sentiments: "I'm happy at Pittodrie and I'm ready to pledge my future to the club.

"But I'm 29 years old and have a wife and two wee girls to support so I'm keeping an open mind at the moment.

"I feel I'm now at the peak of my career and that I'm unlikely to be in a stronger position to secure a good contract for myself."



Left: Colin West — "It's an honour to sign for Rangers."

"He will do well in the Premier League where his aggression should prove a big asset and he's certainly joined Rangers at the right time because, since the announcement of the new manager there's a real buzz around the place.

"In many ways, it's a shame the season ended when it did because we finished on such a high that everyone just wanted to keep on playing. Now I can't wait for the new season."

Come August blond, burly, six-footer Colin will be a household name throughout Scotland. With a £200,000 price tag on his head, great things are expected of Graeme Souness's first signing.

But only four years ago, the majority of Sunderland fans had written him off and ex-Roker boss Alan Durban looked set to give the then 19-year-old centre-forward a free transfer — the Wallsend-born lad seemingly not cut out for the big time.

It may have been a shaky start for Colin, but after earning the chance to stay on Wearside he won over the doubters with a battling style that twice helped the Roker club avert the drop from the top flight.

And despite a less than impressive scoring record of 20 goals in 103 appearances at Sunderland, Watford splashed out £150,000 for Colin's size and aggression. "I've bought him for what he could be, not what he is at the moment," said Vicarage Road boss Graham Taylor at the time.

After arriving at Watford in April, 1985, Colin started to fulfil that potential. With 23 goals in 55 appearances, he doubled his strike rate.

But towards the end of last season rumour suggested that Colin could well be on his way again. No-one, least of all Colin, saw Rangers as a possible buyer, however.

"It was a complete surprise when Rangers came in for me, but the move didn't take a lot of thinking about. Obviously they're a big club and it's a great chance for me.

"Hopefully I'll adapt to the Rangers style after our long-ball game at Watford, but I don't expect things to be that much different. I'm prepared to work hard in training, so hopefully it should work out.

"I want to do well for the boss because obviously it's flattering having someone like Graeme showing an interest in you. I see signing for him and Rangers as an honour.

"I'm very sad to leave Watford because they are a great club. It's a friendly place where everyone from the ground staff right through to the chairman has the same approach and attitude. And manager Graham Taylor has given me the confidence I needed to develop my game. I reckon I had the ability at Sunderland but it just wasn't allowed to come through."

Back in North-East England, Colin's old goal-grabbing partner, Gary Rowell was surprised to hear of the move. "It's news out of the blue, but I wish Colin well, and I'm sure he'll do a good job for them."

WEST GOES NORTH

RANGERS favourite Ally McCoist believes his new strike partner Colin West is set to be a big hit at Ibrox.

The pair used to play upfront together at Sunderland and Ally says: "I'm delighted to be linking up with Colin again. We know each other very well and that should help us on the field.

"We suffered last season through lack of height up front but playing off Colin should remedy that.



THE FANS'



CHOICE

MATCH spotlights the stars voted 'Player of the Year' by the fans in Division Two last season ...

RETURN OF THE ROKER WRITE-OFF!

MARK PROCTOR has bounced back after his career was virtually written off.

The Sunderland star won the fans' vote as 'Player of the Year' last season despite making only 22 appearances.

But Roker Park midfielder Mark more than deserves his award after thundering back into the club's relegation dog-fight following 12 months out of the game with a chronic pelvic injury.

Says Mark: "At first the problem was thought to be a groin strain but then, when it turned out to be the pelvis, things got really depressing.

"I missed out on the 1985 Milk Cup Final and the subsequent battle for First Division survival. By then, people were already starting to write off my career."

But just before Christmas, Mark's agony came to an end. On Saturday December 14 he made his comeback — and his

world changed overnight. "A couple of days later, my wife gave birth to a daughter, Alexandra. She's altered my outlook on life and hopefully brought me a bit of luck.

"It was great to be back playing again after those long months of treatment and light training. After the comeback, I managed seven goals which isn't bad from midfield.

"Now I'm 100 per cent fit and looking forward to next season. It was a big relief to avoid relegation last time, but next season Sunderland should do a lot better. The problem was that it took time for a few of the lads to adapt to Second Division football.

"But that's all sorted out now. We're not short of accomplished players and, with a couple of close-season signings, we should stand a good chance of promotion next May."

PORPSMOUTH hard-man Noel Blake has had to swallow a double dose of pain.

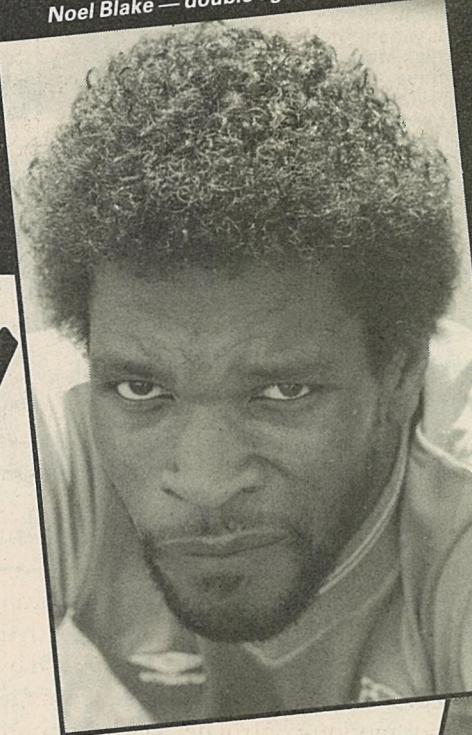
Not only did the intended Fratton Park promotion party turn sour, but the knee injury he carried all season now threatens to land the 24-year-old Jamaican-born defender in hospital.

Noel faces the prospect of a cartilage operation — followed by another season in Division Two.

Says the big defender: "Hopefully the knee will be fully cleared up by August. It looks as though I could be having an operation soon. I'd been hoping to avoid having the cartilage out as it's a bit early in my career to have it done, but I won't mind if the knee is 100 per cent for next season."

But even a visit to hospital wouldn't be so bad if Noel could look forward to running out against Liverpool and Co. in August.

Noel Blake — double agony.



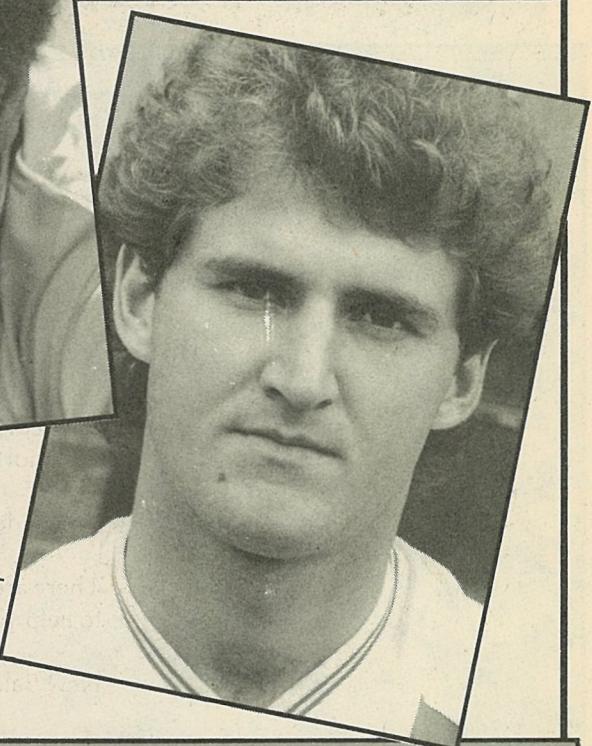
Mark Proctor — his career was being written off.

BLAKE'S DOUBLE AGONY

"Possibly Portsmouth's determination to play stylish football cost us dear. We used two natural wingers all season and maybe if we'd played less attractively we might have picked up more points," he says.

"Obviously I'm thrilled to be 'Player of the Season' but I can't help thinking about what a great double it would have been if we'd gone up. After being in the top three most of the season, it was sickening to miss out.

"Surely we'll get promotion next time. The lads will deserve a holiday by next summer because, with losing out this time, the club hasn't given us the usual end-of-season trip abroad."



DIVISION TWO

Club	Player	Appearances (all competitions)	Goals
Barnsley	Clive Baker	45	0
Blackburn	Ian Miller	38	1
Brighton	Dean Saunders	46	9
Carlisle	John Halpin	37	7
Charlton	Mark Aizlewood	35	2
Crystal Palace	George Wood	45	0
Grimsby	Gordon Hobson	45	20
Huddersfield	Joey Jones	42	2
Hull City	Tony Norman	48	0
Millwall	Alan McLeary	41	5
Norwich	Kevin Drinkell	54	24
Oldham	Roger Palmer	43	16
Portsmouth	Noel Blake	53	7
Sheffield United	Paul Stancilffe	45	1
Shrewsbury	Steve Perks	46	0
Stoke	Keith Bertschin	49	22
Sunderland	Mark Proctor	22	7
Wimbledon	Nigel Winterburn	42	1

● Bradford, Fulham, Middlesbrough and Leeds have yet to decide.

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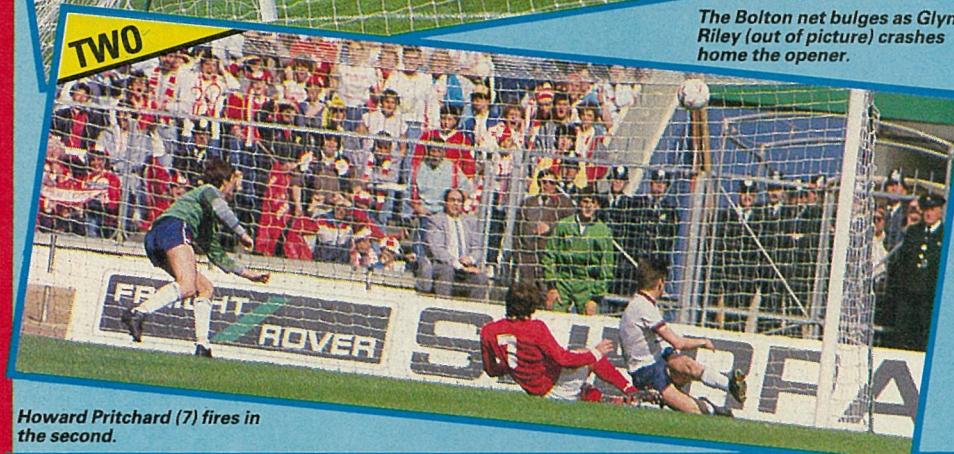
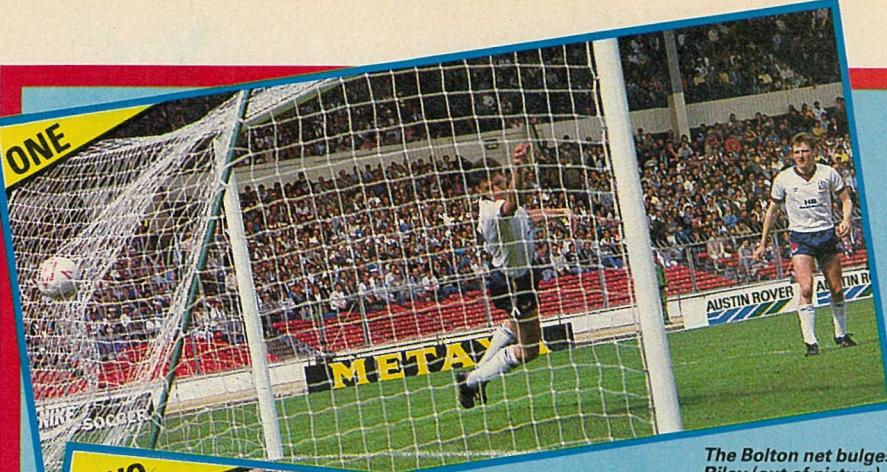
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The Bolton net bulges as Glyn Riley (out of picture) crashes home the opener.

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Two goals from Glyn Riley and a third from Howard Pritchard earned the 'Robins' a deserved 3-0 victory and rekindled memories of the club's glory days in Division One.

So there was to be no fairy-tale return to the twin towers for old Bolton campaigners Phil Neal and Asa Hartford, but it signalled a remarkable success story for City who came within minutes of going out of business with debts of more than £1million just three and a half years ago.

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Below: It's that man Riley again as he sends a looping header over Bolton 'keeper Simon Farnworth.

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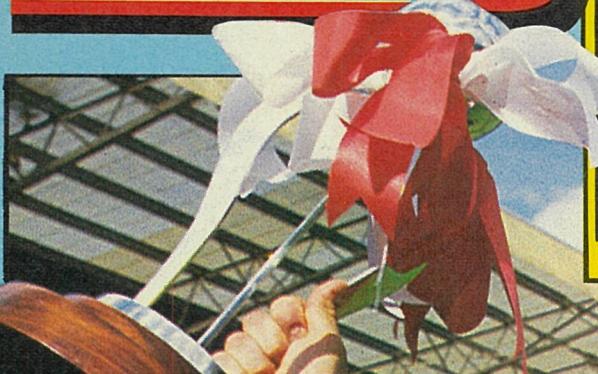
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(Riley 2, Pritchard)

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Newman 6
Williams 7
Curle 6
Moyes 6
★RILEY 8
Pritchard 7
Hutchinson 6
Harle 6
Walsh 6
Neville 7

Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: **

BOLTON

Farnworth 6
Scott 6
Phillips 6
Sutton
Came 6
Thompson 6 (sub Bell)
Neal 5
★OGHANI 8
Caldwell 6
Hartford 6
Gavin 6



Rocking 'Robins'! The victorious Bristol City squad celebrate with the Freight Rover Trophy.

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	Bristol	City
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SHOTS OFF TARGET	4	4
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HEADERS OFF TARGET	0	1
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WHAT on earth are Everton doing at Wembley on August 16? They won nothing last season so why should they be playing Liverpool in the Charity Shield?

The Charity Shield is supposed to be between the winners of the League and the FA Cup. Liverpool won both, so surely the best opposition for them in next season's curtain-raiser should be another cup-winning team — Oxford.

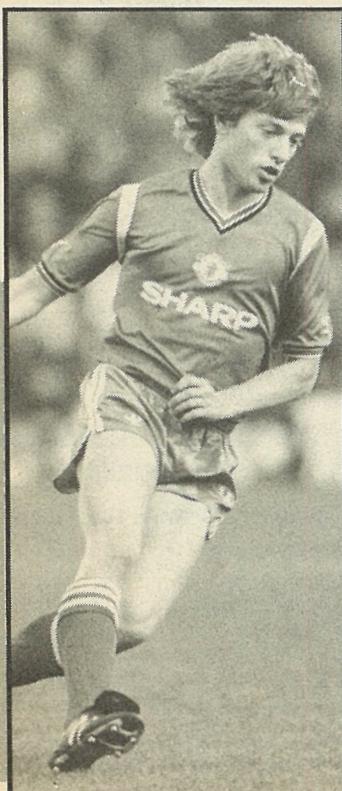
They were Wembley winners in the Milk Cup and deserve a showdown with Liverpool more than Everton. Ian Voller, Locks Heath, near Southampton.

• OR you could say why should a team that narrowly missed relegation be preferred to one that only just lost out in the title race?

HAVE you heard of David Smith? No, not the one who writes for MATCH!

The David Smith I'm talking about performed a miracle in the West Country when he steered Plymouth into the Second Division — and in only his first full season in charge.

Well done, Dave. All Argyle fans think you've done us proud. Vincent Scallan, Plymouth, Devon.



**GOLA
SPORTS STAR LETTER**

FAIR SHARES!

I AM football-mad and, like thousands of others, would have loved to have been at Wembley for the Cup Final.

During the build-up to the game on ITV, Jimmy Tarbuck said how sad it was that thousands of regular Merseyside supporters couldn't get tickets to the match.

Why then did 'Tarby' and his showbiz mates jump the queue for tickets? Have Cilla Black and Sam Fox ever seen a season of football between them?

I hope the bosses at Lancaster Gate will revise the allocation of tickets for next season because 25,000 for each participating club is too few.

P. Marsh, Portsmouth, Hants.

IT was a crying shame that Ipswich, who at one time looked as though they might stay in Division One after their 3-2 win over Oxford, were eventually relegated to the Second Division.

And if England centre-half Terry Butcher leaves the club, as looks likely, then things couldn't be much worse at Portman Road.

I hope Terry isn't swayed by the big-money offers that come his way. Ipswich need his services badly. His influence on the youngsters could well turn the tide back Ipswich's way. Matthew Wyatt, Shenfield, Essex.

SURELY there must have been a misprint in 'Mick's Mailbag'. An 11-year-old boy sent in his 'Football Top Ten' and, at No 4, he included 'What Have You Done For Me Lately' — Ron Atkinson to Jesper Olsen.

It should have been the other way around. Jesper Olsen has thrilled the Old Trafford crowds with his wizardry on the left wing, whenever Ron Atkinson has had the sense to include him in his team.

It's players like Olsen that add the sparkle to today's game.

L.C. Read, Downton, Wilts.

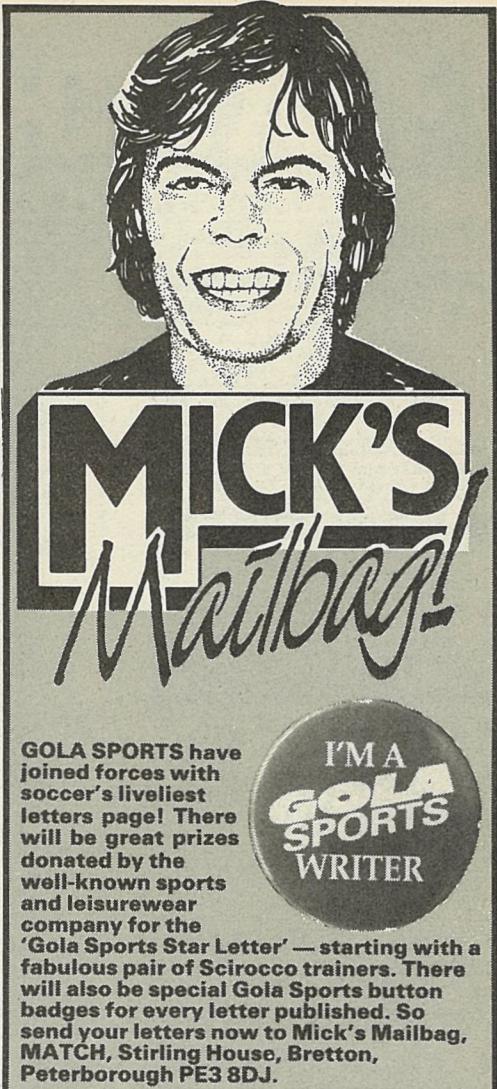
Left: Jesper Olsen — thriller.

IT WAS most disappointing the way Manchester United faltered in the First Division title race, especially after their brilliant start to the season when they won ten games in a row.

But next season will be the 20th anniversary of the last time United won the League ... and there's no better time to bring the trophy back to Old Trafford.

Kerry Shaw, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

• IF United manage to prise Terry Butcher away from Ipswich, then I fancy they may just do it.



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BEING a Walsall supporter, I am disgusted that plans have been made for my club to share St Andrews with Birmingham City next season.

Walsall's ex-chairman Ken Wheldon, who is still a major shareholder in the club, has always been interested in the idea of ground-sharing. Since he took over as chairman of Birmingham City in November, the idea has been put forward to save money for both clubs.

As Walsall are one of the few profit-making clubs in the country, I feel it is unnecessary to

move 12 miles out of town — largely to help out another club.

I know that many Walsall supporters — including myself — would not go to watch the team at St Andrews, so Mr Wheldon should think again.

Paul Mellor, Chasetown, Staffs.

• CHARLTON'S move from The Valley met with stiff opposition, but they won promotion to the First Division. Could the same happen to Walsall in two years time?

AS a Charlton supporter, I get very annoyed when certain people claim that Charlton and Wimbledon are the worst teams to be promoted out of the Second Division for years.

Both teams have earned the right to play in the top flight. They gained as many points as other promoted teams in the past. In fact, when Manchester City were promoted last season, they had only 74 points compared with Charlton's 77 and Wimbledon's 76.

And any of the First Division 'big boys' who think that Charlton and Wimbledon will be 'push-overs' next term are in for a very big surprise.

Yvette Stamp (14), Bexley, Kent.

THE 1985/86 season certainly had its ups and downs.

Attendances were down, soccer was off our TV screens for half of the season and several clubs like Swansea and Wolves were in danger of folding.

But on the credit side, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland all qualified for the World Cup Finals, and the biggest plus was that violence was kept to a minimum.

Congratulations are in order to all the people involved — the clubs, the police and fans everywhere. After Brussels, we were all on trial but responded magnificently.

John Diamond, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

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He completed two laps of the aircraft and collected £196 before saying: "I made a promise that wherever I was at 4pm on Sunday I would do something for Sport Aid."

If you have a novel contribution to the fund like Bobby then write and tell me about it at the following address: 'Match Chat', MATCH, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

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Dave's Diary

Saturday, May 17
to Friday May 23

S AW England go 'host-busting' against Mexico and Peter Beardsley stamp a positive claim for a place in a confident looking team. And Glenn Hoddle showed he's in the mood to establish himself as one of the world's great midfielders.

S EEMS as though Mo Johnston has waved good-bye to his Scotland career because of his comments about his omission from the World Cup squad. The Celtic striker has upset the Scottish Football Association and looks set to pay the price.

M AYBE Spurs have got a new manager, but some things don't seem like changing. It appears the club will continue their 'spend, spend, spend' policy to achieve success and Leicester's Alan Smith is their £750,000 target.

T HE latest rumours have us believe that Charlie Nicholas will be a Liverpool player next season, but I can't see new Arsenal boss George Graham letting the club's greatest asset leave Highbury. The fans would lynch him.

W ILL he ever stop? That's the question I'm asking myself after hearing that West Ham warhorse Billy Bonds has signed a new contract with the London club... at the age of 39! It will be his 20th season with the 'Hammers' — but maybe not his last.

T HERE was no more disappointed footballer than Martin Hodge around today. The Sheffield Wednesday keeper was hoping to team up with the England Squad as a replacement for Gary Bailey until a single phone call shattered his dream.

F EEL the same way as Terry Venables about the role Glenn Hoddle must be given throughout the Finals. 'Set him free to play the Platini way' is the cry from the Barcelona boss. Let's hope Bobby Robson is thinking along the same lines.

BOOTIFUL!

Bryan's quids in

BRYAN ROBSON will be earning more from New Balance than he does from Manchester United.

That's the crazy situation the England skipper finds himself in after signing a seven-year deal with the American shoe company.

'Robbo' gets £90,000 a year from United but will earn a staggering £660,000 from New Balance over the next seven years.

With his injury record, who's to say he'll still be playing in seven years time?



Bryan Robson — booty!

WOLVES COP IT

AS IF hard-up Wolves didn't have enough to worry about.

Already loaded down with debt and condemned to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history, the desperate club have been rocked by a new problem.

They owe West Midland Police £30,000 for crowd control at Molineux and the authority has issued a High Court writ for the money. Looking at the attendances for Molineux last season I wouldn't have thought they needed too many police to control the crowd.

MERRY TERRY



I MUST admit I admire Terry Butcher's spirit.

As he prepared for England's World Cup assault, he enthused: "I'm the luckiest young man in football."

Obviously Terry (above) was referring to the fact that he's playing in the World Cup Finals while a host of top English clubs are chasing his signature.

But surely he can't have forgotten that he's just suffered the humiliation of relegation with Ipswich.

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TESTIMONIAL stars David O'Leary and Paul Miller look set for bumper pay-outs this year... thanks to Scottish giants Celtic and Rangers. The Parkhead side have agreed to meet Arsenal at Highbury on August 5 while Rangers will be in action at White Hart Lane some time during September.

PELE LAUGH

DID you hear the one about the 45-year-old former international who wanted to make a comeback in this year's World Cup Finals?

At least I hope Brazilian idol Pele was joking when he said: "I'm ready for my fifth World Cup. Give me two weeks and I'll be in shape."

Not even the living legend could expect to work such wonders, although his former World Cup rival Bobby Moore insists: "If Pele plays, I'll play."

FULL NAME: Doug Rougvie.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Ballingry, Fife/May 24, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 2ins/14st.
MARRIED: Yes to Brenda.
CHILDREN: Lisa (4) — and one on the way.

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it's the feature that
will get Chelsea's
Doug Rougvie in
trouble with his
mother-in-law...*



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ARTICLE OF CLOTHING AND WHY? My brown flying jacket which was a present from Brenda.

WHO IS YOUR MOST FAMOUS FRIEND OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? Lord Provost of Aberdeen.

WHAT SUBJECT DID YOU HATE MOST AT SCHOOL AND WHY? English — I just couldn't get the hang of it.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU COULD BE INVISIBLE FOR A DAY? Follow Brenda around the shops to see how much she really spends.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF SOMEONE GAVE YOU £50,000. TODAY? Present it to my agent (my wife) to invest sensibly.

WHAT IS YOUR CLAIM TO FAME OUTSIDE FOOTBALL? Interior decorating — as my brother James would testify.

HOW MANY 'O' LEVELS DID YOU GET? Seven.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET AND WHY? Actor Clint Eastwood — I've always admired him.

WHAT, IF ANYTHING, FRIGHTENS YOU? The Loch Ness monster and my mother-in-law — but not necessarily in that order!

WHAT WAS THE FIRST CAR YOU BOUGHT AND HOW MUCH DID IT COST? A Volkswagen for £525.

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE POP STARS?

Stevie Wonder, Phil Collins, Annie Lennox, George Benson and Lionel Richie.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY? A new Honda 750cc motor bike and some macho leathers.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT YOURSELF? Sometimes I'm not forward enough.

OUTSIDE FOOTBALL
WHAT IS THE BIGGEST RISK YOU HAVE EVER TAKEN? Drinking my mother-in-law's tea.

WHICH DAY OF THE WEEK DO YOU LIKE MOST? Mondays — but only when we're off!

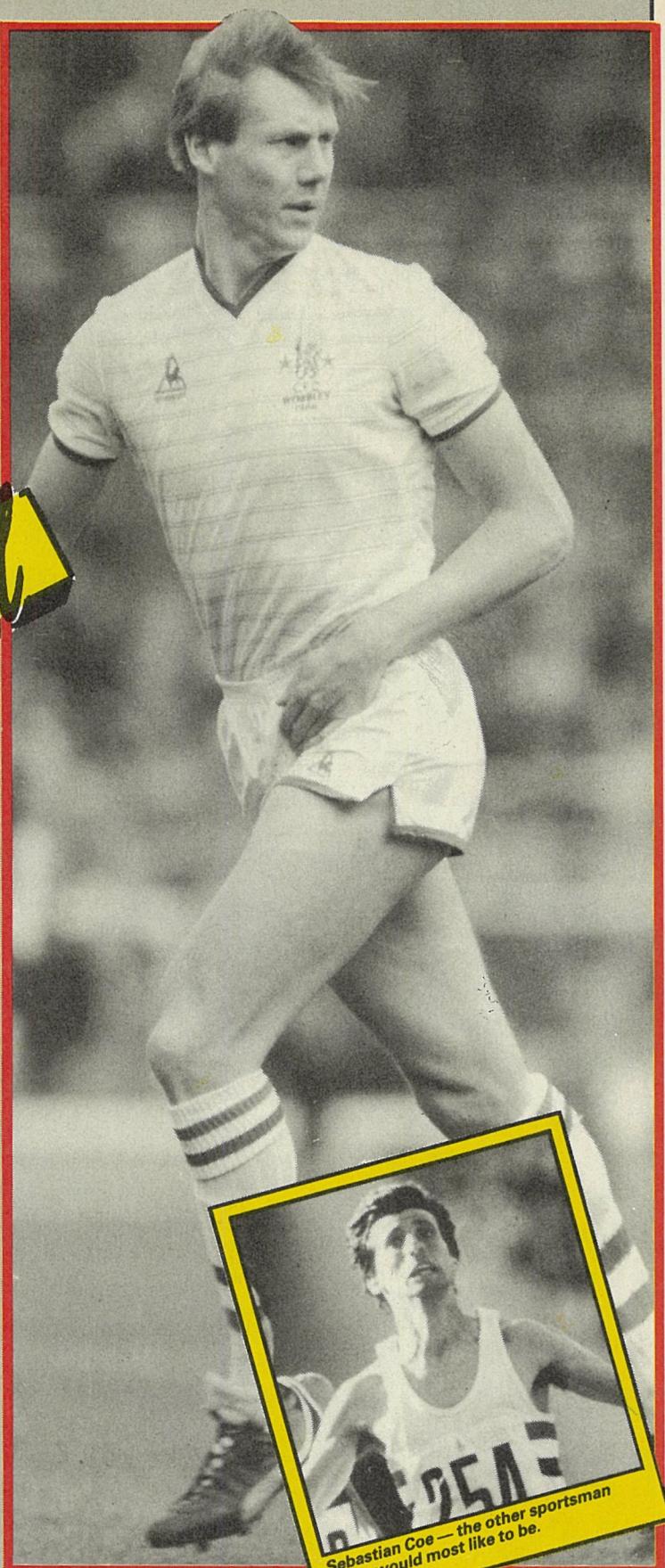
IF YOU COULD BE A FLY ON THE WALL WHERE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE? In Margaret Thatcher's living room when she's watching Spittin' Image.

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MISTAKEN FOR SOMEONE ELSE? My Chelsea team-mate Kerry Dixon. (what an insult!).

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER? Bugs Bunny.

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF RELAXATION? Going out for a meal with Brenda and friends.

IF YOU WERE FORCED TO SEEK A NEW JOB TOMORROW WHAT WOULD YOU DO? Given time to train I think I could do anything, but otherwise I'd be in trouble.



Sebastian Coe — the other sportsman Doug would most like to be.

WHICH OTHER SPORTSMAN WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE AND WHY? Sebastian Coe — I respect his attitude towards his sport.
WHICH ACTOR WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO BE AND WHY? Clint Eastwood — I could see myself as a Western hero.

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